Limited, Surat have been exporting HIV, HBs Ag, HCB positive Sera and Blood Grouping Testing Sera.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Health, Government of India has prepared guidelines for transfer of biological material for research purposes. The biological material that is permitted to be exported is for the purposes of research, diagnosis or quality control. These permissions are given after considering issues like type of research, purpose of transfer, confidentiality, intellectual property rights, filing of patents, arrangements for further commercial exploitation, safety, disadvantages to the population, user information and another matter relevant to that particular exchange of material.

Consumption of low-alcohol beverages by younger generation

2502. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the consumption of low-alcohol beverages by the younger generation is on the increase;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey on the effect of this trend on their health; and

(c) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No national survey on consumption of low-alcohol beverages by the younger generation and the health impact of such consumption is available with this Ministry.

(c) In view of (a) and (b) above does not arise.

Life insurance scheme for poor families

†2503. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to extend

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life insurance of Rupees five thousand for those poor families who have two children and want to adopt family planning programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a similar scheme was also introduced by the Andhra Pradesh Government but it failed due to non-cooperation of the insurance companies;

(d) if so, whether Government have taken any specific precaution for making this scheme successful; and

(e) the amount required for this scheme, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The National Population Policy, 2000 envisages the formulation of Family Welfare Linked Health Insurance Plan as a motivational measures for wider adoption of the small family norm by couples below the poverty line, who undergo sterilisation with not more than two living children. The family would become eligible (alongwith children) for health insurance (for hospitalisation) not exceeding Rs. 5000, and a personal accident insurance cover for the spouce undergoing sterilisation. The scheme is being conceptualised. It has been decided that before designing any nationwide scheme for Family Welfare Linked Health Insurance Plan studies should be undertaken in select districts across States, for assessing the demographic indicators; income classification of the population groups, morbidity and mortality pattern, the health services available for in in-patient treatment in public and private sectors, and institutional framework, for implementing the scheme. The scheme will be finalized and announced, based on the studies.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) With a view to implement the Family Welfare Linked Health Insurance Scheme, Rs. 250.00 crores has been allocated during the Tenth Five Year Plan. The exact amount to be required for implementing the scheme would be decided only when the scheme is finalised.